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1. INDOCHINA

HOUSE MIA CMTE ASKS DOD RESUME CASE REVIEWS TO DETERMINE  
WHETHER RECLASSIFY MIAS AS PRESUMED DEAD (AP NYT, SUN).  
ONE MIA ORGANIZATION SAYS CMTE REPORT WOULD MAKE ACCOUNTING  
MORE DIFFICLT TO GET (WSJ). CMTE ALSO RECOMMENDS US CON-  
SIDER GIVING VN HUMANITARIAN AID, BUT NO WAR REPARATIONS  
(HOUSTON, LAT 12/15). NATL LEAGUE FAMILIES HAS HARSH  
CRITICISM FOR CMTE'S REPORT (JACKMAN, NYDN). REMEMBER  
PUEBLO CMTE ATTACKS MIA CMTE REPORT AS "WHITEWASH," SAYS  
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SOME MIAS "KNOWN TO BE ALIVE" AS RECENTLY AS 8 MOS AGO  
(REUTER WASHINGTON).

MORITZ (CSM) NOTES ECON/SOCIAL RECOVERY STRATEGY EXPECTED  
BE ENDORSED BY 4TH CP CONGRESS AT HANOI: WILLINGNESS USE  
FOREIGN AID, GRADUAL POL/ECON REUNIFICATION SVN/NVN, CON-  
TINUING POPULATION REDISTRIBUTION, RESUMPTION HISTORIC  
MIGRATION FROM OVERPOPULATED NVN TO SNV, MOBILIZATION ARMY  
AS DEVELOPMENT TOOL, AND GO-SLOW APPROACH TO NATIONALIZATION

LANDS/BUSINESSES.

CP CONGRESS TOLD MILLION SAIGON RESIDENTS MOVED TO NEW ECON ZONES. USSR REP SAYS VN CAN COUNT ON CONTINUED HEAVY SOVIET AID (WSJ). ANDELMAN (NYT) REPORTS SENIOR VN LEADERS EXPAND ON PROPOSALS CREATE NEW/INTEGRATED COUNTRY, INCL RESETTLEMENT MILLION FROM SVN CITIES TO CREATE NEW "RICE BOWL." MENTIONS CP MEMBERSHIP ALSO TO BE EXPANDED; HEAVY INDUSTRIAL AREAS TO REMAIN IN NVN.

CANADIAN RC PRIEST RECENTLY EXPELLED FROM SAIGON SAYS 15-20,000 VIETS COMMITTED SUICIDE RATHER THAN LIVE UNDER COMMUNISM (AP NYT, PHINQ, CHITRIB); BUT RICHARD HUGHES DISPUTES REPORTS MASS SUICIDES, SAYING IMPOSSIBLE HE WOULDN'T HAVE HEARD OF IT (AP, NYT).

## 2. THAILAND

GULF & WESTERN SUBSIDIARY SAYS REACHED PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT DEVELOP 90 MILLION DOL ZINC MINE/REFINERY. ACCORD REQUIRES APPROVAL RTG CABINET (WSJ).

## 3. KOREA

HOUSE ETHICS CMTE GETS OFF TO FALTERING START ON INVESTIGATION SK INFLUENCE-PEDDLING 12/15, AS LACK QUORUM MAKES OFFICIAL AUTHORIZATION PROBE IMPOSSIBLE. CHMN JOHN FLYNT UNCLASSIFIED

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(D-GA) ANNOUNCES PHILIP LACOVARA AS CMTE COUNSEL FOR INVESTIGATION, SAYING NEW CONGRESS CONVENING 1/4 WILL AUTHORIZE BOTH LACOVARA APPT AND PROBE (WP'S BABCOCK, NYT'S MADDEN, SUN'S EDSALL, PHINQ AP).

HALLORAN (NYT) SAYS SK HAS TRIED "USE" US ACADEMIC COMMUNITY TO INFLUENCE OUR THINKING AND POLICY TOWARDS ROK--CITES VARIED APPROACHES/GRANT OFFERS TO HARVARD, HUDSON INSTITUTE/ OTHER "THINK TANKS," COLUMBIA, U. WASHINGTON, U. HAWAII, AND GEO WASH U. ASSERTS KCIA APPEARED DEEPLY INVOLVED SUCH EFFORTS.

REV MOON'S UNIFICATION CHURCH PLANS PUBLISH DAILY MORNING PAPER NYC STARTING 12/31--BUSINESS MANAGER FOR PUBLICATION SAYS PAPER, "THE NEWS WORLD," WILL BE AIMED AT YOUNG ADULTS--CLAIMS IT WILL NOT BE ORGAN FOR CHURCH, BUT "A NEWS-PAPER FOR NEW YORK CITY" (WP).

REUTER (HK) REPORTS NK VP KANG RYANG UK, AT PYONGYANG BANQUET FOR TANZANIAN VP, REITERATED NK CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL US TROOPS FROM ROK AS STEP TOWARD NAT'L REUNIFICATION.

## 4. JAPAN

WSJ, SUN (AP) CARRY SHORT ITEMS MENTIONING MIKI'S INTENTION ANNOUNCE RESIGNATION FRIDAY.

TOKYO DISTRICT COURT JUDGE AGAIN DEFERS OPENING TRIAL YOSHIO KODAMA, CHARGED IN CONNECTION LOCKHEED SCANDAL. BED-RIDDEN, 65-YR-OLD KODAMA FAILED APPEAR FOR HEARING, POSTPONED FROM 9/30 (REUTER TOKYO).

ZENITH PRESIDENT JOHN NEVIN CLAIMS MARKETING WAR W/JAPAN IN COLOR TVS ERODING PRICES/CONTRIBUTING TO LARGE LOSSES BEING SUFFERED BY US MFRS. AMER ELECTRONICS FIRMS CONVINCED JAPANESE MFRS ENGAGED IN "CONSPIRACY," HAVE GAINED UNCLASSIFIED

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FOOTHOLD THROUGH UNFAIR MARKETING PRACTICES (KLEINFELD, WSJ).

SUMITOMO/MARUBENI CORPS RECEIVE 241 MIL DOL ORDER FROM NIGERIA TO BUILD TELEPHONE NETWORK BY 5/78 (NYT).

FINANCE MINISTRY SAYS JAPAN HAD 280 MIL DOL OVERALL BOP SURPLUS LAST MONTH COMPARED TO 98 MIL DOL DEFICIT IN OCT (REUTER TOKYO).

BERGER (SF CHRON 12/9) INTERVIEWS JAPAN'S EDUCATION MINISTER MICHIO NAGAI. TALKS OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US/JAPANESE SCHOOLS, PLANNED REFORM JAPANESE SYSTEM, INCL EASING COMPETITIVE PRESSURES W/NEW HIGHER EDUCATION ENTRANCE EXAM.

#### 5. PHILIPPINES

GOP ANNOUNCES MARCOS WILL LIFT MARTIAL-LAW CURFEW 11 DAYS FOR XMAS SEASON, BEGINNING 12/17, IN ALL AREAS BUT THOSE "CONSIDERED CRITICAL" (UPI, NYT).

US/PHIL MIL AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATING DEATH LAST WEEK OF ALLEGED FIL INTRUDER AT SUBIC, KILLED BY US GUARD WHILE APPARENTLY TRYING STEAL 2 TVS/TOOL KIT (REUTER MANILA).

#### 6. PHILIPPINES/CHINA

ROMULO CONFIRMS PHILS WILL SELL 200,000 TONS SUGAR TO PRC FOR OIL. DEAL ARRANGED AT UN BY IMELDA; NO DETAILS GIVEN (REUTER MANILA).

#### 7. CHINA

SHANGHAI WALL POSTERS ACCUSE LEFTIST "BLACK HAND" OF SCHEMES USE PRC'S PARA-MILITARY MILITIA IN BID SEIZE POWER.

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CHARGE "GANG OF FOUR" TRIED TAKE OVER SHANGHAI PORT/RADIO STAION/OTHER INSTALLATIONS. ARTICLES FROM PLA DAILY ALSO INDICATE PURGED VICE PREMIER CHANG CHUN-CHIAO PLANNED PIT MILITIA FORCES AGAINST SHANGHAI REGULAR ARMY. WUHAN RADIO BROADCAST SAYS RADICALS ALSO STAGED SIT-INS, ENCOURAGED PEOPLE STORM SECURITY/MIL CENTERS (GRIFFITHS, REUTER PEKING).

FRENCH-CHINESE COMMISSION FORMED DURING TENG HSIAO-PING'S OFFICIAL PARIS VISIT 5/75 MET TODAY FOR 1ST TIME IN PEKING. WELL-INFORMED SOURCE SAYS 3-DAY TALKS WILL CONCERN TRADE (AFP, NYT).

TIBETAN BUDDHIST GYALWA KARMAPA, NUMBER 2 LAMA, VISITED BRONX ZOO BIRD HOUSE 12/15 W/ENTOURAGE OF MONKS (NYT FOTO).

#### 8. SINGAPORE

SOME 2000 PEOPLE TURNED OUT TUES FOR SINGAPORE'S 1ST OPPOSITION RALLY IN 4 YEARS AS CAMPAIGNING STARTED FOR 12/23 GENERAL ELECTIONS. WORKERS' PARTY SEC GEN JEYARETNAM ADDRESSED CROWD, SAID COUNTRY NEEDED PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION TO POINT OUT GOS' ERRORS (REUTER, LAT 12/15).

#### 9. INDONESIA

LEWIS (NYT QATAR) REPORTS INDONESIA APPEARS BE GIVING SOME SUPPORT TO SAUDI BID FOR 6-MONTH OIL PRICE FREEZE, THO MOST NATIONS FAVOR UNSPECIFIED INCREASE. INDONESIA OIL MINISTER/OUTGOING OPEC PRES SADLI THANKED QATAR FOR HOSPITALITY, WHICH HE SAID DELEGATES ENJOYING DESPITE "UNAVOIDABLY TIGHT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS."

CILACAP OIL REFINERY WILL BE COMPLETED W/75 MIL DOL, 7-YEAR LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDONESIA'S CENTRAL BANK/SYNDICATE 10 FON BANKS (WSJ).  
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#### 10. AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIA WILL SUPPLY US W/653 MIL LBS BEEF IN 1977; 20.8 MIL LBS MORE THAN LAST YEAR (WP).

#### 11. MICRONESIA

SEN INTELL CMTE CHRMN INOUE ORDERS INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS CIA BUGGED LAWYERS NEGOTIATING MICRONESIA'S FUTURE STATUS. RESULTS TO BE MADE PUBLIC (AP, NYT).

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12. HONG KONG

MATHEWS (WP HK) REPORTS ON BOOMING HK TOY INDUSTRY. SOME 1500 TOY FACTORIES/47,000 WORKERS EXPECTED TURN OUT RECORD 400 MIL DOLS IN TOY EXPORTS--PERHAPS HALF TO US--BY YEAR'S END.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

13. JAPAN

WP'S SAAR DISCUSSES IMMINENT GOJ CHANGEOVER. SAYS MIKI'S EXIT EXPECTED BE "GRACEFUL AND UNEVENTFUL." ACCORDING MIKI AIDES, PM PERSONALLY RESENTFUL FUKUDA, BELIEVES PARTY WOULD DO BETTER UNDER YOUNGER LEADERSHIP. SAAR NOTES MIKI HAS ACCEPTED FACT FUKUDA HAS MAJORITY SUPPORT, AND ANY ATTEMPT "BUCK THAT JUDGMENT MIGHT DAMAGE" PM'S REPUTATION IN HISTORY BOOKS.

JAMESON (LAT 12/15) REVIEWS NEW LIBERAL CLUB'S "EXPLOSIVE, UNPRECEDENTED SHOWING" IN ELECTIONS. REVIEWS REFORMS/NEW CONSERVATIVE IMAGE NLC SEEKING. NOTES ONE OF PARTY'S MAIN GOALS HAS BEEN MAKING "INROADS" INTO OPPOSITION SUPPORT, UNCLASSIFIED

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PARTICULARLY AMONG COMMUNISTS/SOCIALISTS.

,4. INDOCHINA

MCARTHUR (LAT 12/15) DESCRIBES HOOPLA SURROUNDING HANOI CP CONGRESS, THAT AIMED INVOLVE PEOPLE, EMPHASIZE RUBBER-STAMP CONGRESS IS EXTRAORDINARY EVENT THAT SIGNIFIES VITAL CHANGES IN EVERYONE'S LIFE. SAYS MESSAGE THAT LIGHT INDUSTRY/AGRIC TO BE EMPHASIZED OVER NEXT 5 YRS WILL BE WELL-RECEIVED. QUOTES SOME DIPLOMATS THAT HANOI POLICY TO DEVELOP "NEW SOCIALIST TYPE OF MAN" DISPLAYS ATTITUDE THAT SVN MUST BE PUNISHED BEFORE CAN BE INCORPORATED. STATES W OFFICIAL NOTED IN SAIGON THAT VIRTUALLY ALL RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS IN HANDS NORTHERNERS; OPINES THIS, W/NEW, UNPOPULAR DRAFT HAS DISILLUSIONED MANY SOUTHERN CP MEMBERS. ADDS NVN DOES NOT USE SOUTHERN COLLEGE GRADUATES/TECHNICIANS/ECONOMISTS/OTHERS W/SIMILAR SKILLS, HAS THEM DOING MANUAL LABOR. QUOTES DIPLOMAT THAT THIS "BLINDNESS" IS SERIOUS THREAT TO CURRENT 5-YR PLAN; POINTS OUT THAT RIGID NVN BUREAUCRACY/ECON SECTOR INCAPABLE ABSORBING TECHNOLOGY FOR "GREAT LEAP FORWARD"; ADDS VN SUSPICION RESULTS IN GOVT BEING UNABLE USE AID HAS RECEIVED/IS STILL RECEIVING.

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15. KOREA

GARRY WILLS (PHINQ) LEERY RE HOUSE ETHICS CMTE WILLINGNESS TO THOROUGHLY PROBE SK INFLUENCE-PEDDLING--SAYS NEW SPEAKER O'NEILL TALKED "GOOD GAME" OF CLEANING UP HOUSE BEFORE GETTING POSITION, BUT SINCE HAS APPOINTED REP BRADEMAs, WHO TOOK 5,000 DOLS FROM TONGSUN PARK, AS PARTY WHIP. O'NEILL HAS ALSO VOTED FOR 2 OTHER CONTROVERSIAL MEASURES FAVORING CONGRESSMEN--WILLS CONCERNED ABOUT "ETHICAL EFFECT ON OTHERS" OF ACTION BY SUCH SENIOR MEMBERS AS O'NEILL/BRADEMAs  
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NINA MCCAIN (BEVEGLOBE 12/15) DOES PIECE ON JEFF COOLIDGE ROLE AS CHAIRMAN HARVARD EAST ASIAN RESEARCH CENTER FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE IN OBTAINING 1 MILLION DOLS GRANT FROM KOREAN TRADERS' ASSOC. COOLIDGE BACKS UP HARVARD OFFICIALS WHO SAID GIFT "ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT STRINGS"--HE STATES HARVARD "VERY TOUGH" RE GIFT GROUND RULES. COOLIDGE SAYS HE PERSONALLY FINDS SOME TACTICS PRES PARK REGIME EXCESSIVE, BUT ADDS PARK HAS CONSENSUS BEHIND HIM AND DOUBTS ANOTHER PRES WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE LIBERAL. COOLIDGE SUPPORTS JUSTICE PROBE SK ACTIVITIES.

ST LOUIS P-D EDIT COMPARES WATERGATE, "QUIETLY SIMMERING FOR MONTHS BEFORE BOILING OVER" TO SK LOBBYING, PROBE OF WHICH NOW IN "STATE OF REPRESSED BUT HEATED AGITATION." STATES INVESTIGATION COULD BLOW UP AT ANY MOMENT, WITH RUINOUS EFFECTS ON CAREERS CONGRESSMEN.

KC STAR EDIT TERMS ALLEGATIONS RE SK ACTIVITIES "DEPRESSING AND PAINFUL"-- WANTS CHARGES FOLLOWED "TO THE BITTER END." CLAIMS WE CANNOT EXPECT CONGRESS TO SATISFACTORILY INVESTIGATE ITSELF--SAYS JUSTICE MUST NOW PRESS PROBE CONGRESS, AS CONGRESS ITSELF DID THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH DURING WATERGATE. KISSINGER

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